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**ANCHORAGE MAN CONVICTED IN FEDERAL COURT ON ASSAULT, DRUG
DISTRIBUTION, FIREARMS CHARGES AND THREATS OF VIOLENCE**

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced today, May 6, 2008, that after a six-day trial, a federal jury found Dennis Suesue, of Anchorage, Alaska, guilty of seven felony crimes for assaulting a federal agent, being a felon in possession of a handgun, distributing cocaine, using a firearm in furtherance of a crime of violence, and threatening to assault or murder law enforcement officers and their families.

Suesue, age 29, was tried before United States District Court Judge Timothy M. Burgess in federal court in Anchorage.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Kevin Feldis, who prosecuted the case, the evidence presented at trial established that on March 15, 2007, Dennis Suesue, a convicted felon, illegally possessed and used an FN 5.7x28mm semi-automatic handgun to assault a federal agent who was engaged in the performance of his official duties. At the same time, Suesue possessed cocaine with intent to distribute it to others. The evidence also showed that on March 22, 2007, after Suesue was arrested, he further threatened to assault and murder federal law enforcement officers and their families in retaliation for them performing their official duties and with the intent of interfering with their work.

Judge Burgess scheduled sentencing for August 7, 2008 at 2:00pm. The law provides for a maximum sentence of up to life in prison and a 1 million dollar fine, or both for the threats to law enforcement officers. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed is based on the seriousness of the offenses and the criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

Pending sentencing, the court ordered that the defendant continue to be detained in federal custody.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives conducted the investigation that led to the prosecution of Suesue.

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